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In re application of:

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for Nerve Cell**

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**Notice of Appeal From the Examiner to the Board  
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Sir:

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the final decision of the Examiner dated March 28, 2006, in which claims 16-18 and 22 were finally or twice rejected.

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Respectfully submitted,

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